

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1244

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Randy Johnson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor a gentleman who has distinguished himself as a master barber and a pillar of his community; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Randy Johnson celebrated Leap Day by performing his final haircut after working fifty-seven years as a barber; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson gave twenty-four haircuts on Leap Day, significantly less than his best day ever when he sheared sixty customers; and

WHEREAS, this tonsorial artist owned and operated Randy's Barber Shop in Lebanon for fifty years and never once experienced a bad hair day; and

WHEREAS, renowned for his sense of humor and gift for storytelling, Mr. Johnson entertained his clients in addition to trimming their locks; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lebanon, Mr. Johnson made the town square his playground as a child; and

WHEREAS, with the advice and assistance of his father, Randy Johnson adopted barbering as a profession in 1963, when he enrolled at Nashville Barber College; and

WHEREAS, after completing this course, he gained employment at Modern Barber Shop in Lebanon and worked there for six years; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1969, he opened Randy's Barber Shop, and the rest is history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jonson estimates that he performed some 450,000 haircuts during his fifty-seven years behind the barber's chair; and

WHEREAS, for a time, his best and most appreciative customers were the cadets of Castle Heights Military Academy, who would line up at his shop as early as four a.m. to obtain the haircut they were required to have every ten days; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson witnessed many milestones in barbering over the course of nearly six decades, including the seventy-five-cent haircut that now costs at least fifteen dollars; the first hairstyling course in Lebanon in 1964; and his profession's past reliance on hair oil tonic; and

WHEREAS, now that he has hung up his clippers, he is looking forward to spending more time with his family, which includes his wife of fifty-eight years, Jamie; their daughters, Lisa Newman and Linda Durham; grandchildren, Jim Newman, John Newman, Elizabeth Durham, and Lindsay James; and newborn great-granddaughter, Olivia James; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a barber, Randy Johnson demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his customers and the Lebanon community as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Randy Johnson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors as we pay tribute to his iconic status among his clients as a master barber and charismatic entertainer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.